(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Honourable Member had drawn the attention of the Union Government through the Unstarred Question No. 272 and 1918 answered on 8-8-1990 and 3-3-1990 respectively.

(e) It is for the State Government to take a view in the matter.

[*English*]

Security Arrangements for VVIPs in Delhi

*151. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of VVIPs who are getting special security arrangements in Delhi;

(b) the amount spent on their security during 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(c) whether special battalions of Delhi Police are proposed to be raised for VVIPs security arrangements?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) President, Vice-President and Prime Minister.

(b) 1989-90	1990-91
Rs. 10.33 crores	7.31 crores

(c) At present there is no such proposal.

[*Translation*]

Elections in Punjab

*152. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to annual the present election schedule in Punjab;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to issue a fresh notification to conduct the elections in Punjab; and

(d) if so, when it is likely to be issued.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (d) The Government is committed to restore the democratic process in Punjab. It is equally determined not to allow certain unscrupulous secessionist elements to exploit the existing deficiency in law and make secession as an agenda for elections and thereby subvert the Constitution and endanger the territorial integrity and sovereignity of the country. Thus, in this process Government is exploring the possibility of carrying out necessary amendments in the Constitution as well as in the Peoples' Representation Act to prevent the secessionist elements from endangering the sovereignity and integrity of the country. In this context, the question of issuing fresh notification for the conduct of elections in Punjab could also be considered at the appropriate time.

[*English*]

Visit of US Envoy to Siachen Glacier

*153. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "US envoy pays a quiet visit to Siachen area" appearing in the 'Sunday Observer' dated June 16-22, 1991;

(b) whether the US Envoy paid a visit to Siachen area in Ladakh in June, 1991;

(c) if so, whether the visit was arranged by the Union Government and the Ministry of Defence was consulted before permitting the US Embassy plane to land at the I.A.F. base there; and

(d) whether it is the normal practice to permit foreign diplomats to visit such a vulnerable area?